

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of April 25, 2005**

1. **Mailbox Move:** Council and staff mailboxes have been moved into the Housing and Community Development Office. Information Systems staff is working to re-program Council Members' access cards for access to HCD. For this weekend, we will leave the Council agenda packages in the Police Dispatch Office for Council pick-up. (*Acting City Clerk*)
2. **Action Takoma Park:** The City's service request web site has a new look and feel. Action Takoma Park was updated this week. Patrick Rittenhouse, the city's Communication Assistant, created some very needed modifications and enhancements. Please try out the new site and forward any comments to the Information Systems Department at (301) 891-7119. (*Information Systems*)
3. **Officers in Training & C-SAFE Opportunity Fair (Ward 6):** On Thursday, Chief Creamer participated in the C-SAFE's Opportunity Fair for parolees and probationers at the Long Branch Community Center. 40 clients attended the Fair, plus 19 service providers, including 4 employers. Also, Sgt. Gilbert, Sgt. Skibicki and Det. John attended the C-SAFE sponsored Joint Roll Call on Monday at 3:00 PM to exchange crime information with Prince George's County Police and Montgomery County Police. Ms. Denise Pullet of Administrative Services attended a Baltimore conference of the National Academy of Emergency Dispatchers. (*Police*)
4. **Capt. Coursey and Information Systems in Technology Meeting:** Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI, the world-leading corporation that distributes software used in accessing and using GIS data), in collaboration with the Western Maryland User's Group, conducted a meeting in Cumberland which Abel Castillo, Information Systems Manager, and Capt. Ed Coursey both attended, in preparation for expanded uses of GIS in several departments in the City. The presentations included a briefing from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office on their use of GIS in crime analysis that was instrumental in focusing police action to apprehend a pair of burglars responsible for a series of crimes just outside of Frederick City. (*Police*)
5. **Personnel Status, Recruitment & D.A.R.E. (Wards 1, 3 & 4):** Ofc. Mueller, who was injured during a March 21st pursuit of an assault suspect, returned to full duty without requiring surgery (Ward 1). Sgt. Hamond will be on medical leave due to injuries sustained last Sunday when assaulted by a subject (Ward 4). Oral interviews were conducted April 28 for police officer candidates. Ofc. Smith conducted the D.A.R.E. graduation for 25 students at the Washington-McLaughlin School of Friday, attended by Capt. Coursey (Ward 3). (*Police*)
6. **Traffic Enforcement (Wards 1, 3, 4, & 5):** About 80 percent of more than 100 traffic stops this week resulted in citations to motorists. Among location for speed enforcement and other details were Piney Branch Road (Wards 1, 4, 5) and Cockerille & Fourth (Ward 3). (*Police*)
7. **Shift Change:** Changeover for patrol squads will take place this weekend. Squads 1 (Sgt. Bowers) and 3 (Sgt. Frishkorn) move to the day shift. Squads 2 and 4 (Sgts. Hammond and Skibicki) move to the night shift (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.), which should be considered when trying to reach these officers. This schedule will last through June 12. (*Police*)

8. **Uniform Crime Report:** UCR Part 1 crimes for the first quarter, including a distribution by police beat, are attached. *(Police)*

9. **Update On Street Restoration (Wards 1, 2, 3 & 6):** This week the City contractor began sidewalk and curb and gutter work on Westmoreland Avenue (Ward 3) and Baltimore Avenue (Ward 1). Maple Avenue (Ward 1) and Garland Avenue (Ward 2) were milled and repaved. Larch Avenue (Ward 2) was milled but was not paved due to several problems uncovered after milling with the surface underneath the road. The contractor plans to rebuild the road base next week on Monday and then repave on Tuesday. Hopewell Avenue (Ward 2), New Hampshire Service Road (from Glenside to Kingwood) (Ward 6) and Minter Place (Ward 2) were originally scheduled to be milled and resurfaced this week but have been delayed until next week due to the problems encountered on Larch and the cancellation of work on Friday due to rain forecast. *(Public Works)*

10. **New Senior Planner:** We are pleased to announce that Ilona Blanchard has been promoted to Senior Planner effective Monday, May 2. Ms. Blanchard has been with the HCD Department for a little over a year, working as Associate Planner on a variety of projects including the Carroll and Laurel Avenue Streetscape project which is currently underway. She also serves as staff liaison to the Safe Roadways Committee. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. **Eastern Avenue Reconstruction Project - Informational Meeting (Wards 1 & 3):** Takoma Park residents will be provided an opportunity to learn more about planned improvements along Eastern Avenue during an informational meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4, at Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Avenue. The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) is preparing to reconstruct Eastern Avenue between North Capitol Street and Laurel Avenue. As part of this project, DDOT plans to remove the on-street parking on the Maryland side of the street between Walnut and Laurel Avenues in order to make the sidewalk on the DC side of the street compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. **Library Closing:** The library will be closed Friday, May 6th because of sidewalk construction. We would normally be open six hours, 12-6. *(Library)*

13. **The Afternoon Addition:** The Afternoon Addition had their annual basketball game with the YMCA Aftercare program yesterday. The kids played hard and had a great time! We look forward to this game next year. *(Recreation)*

14. **Block Party (Ward 5):** The Rock the Block Ward 5 Party is this Sunday, May 1, 2005 from 12-4 p.m. It is at the intersections of Kennebec and Houston Avenues on Sligo Creek Parkway. Please note there was an error in the Gazette; the Ward Party is scheduled for Sunday. *(Recreation)*

**First Quarter 2005 (Jan - Mar) Takoma Park**  
UCR Statistics - Part One Crimes

	2003	2004	2005	Range of <b>Annual</b> Rate <i>(based on 1994-03)</i>
Homicide	0	0	0	0-2
Rape	2	1	2	5-9
Robbery	27	13	10	66-98
Aggravated Assault	5	6	5	21-63
Burglary	26	35	26	105-158
Larceny	96	81	106	488-610
Auto Theft	45	33	29	132-200
1 <sup>st</sup> Q Totals	201	169	178	

2005 Reported Crime, 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, by Takoma Park Police Beat									
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	V1	V2	V3	W4	W5	W6	X7	X8	X9	05 Total by Beat	04 Total by Beat
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Robbery	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	10	13
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
Burglary	4	4	1	3	1	1	1	2	8	25	25
Larceny (over \$500) <sup>2</sup>	0	3	0	3	5	2	4	7	1	25	18
Auto Theft	0	1	1	3	6	1	2	8	6	28	33
1 <sup>st</sup> Q Totals <sup>1</sup>	5	9	5	9	6	8	11	17	18	96	96
Recovered Stolen Auto	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	5	3	18	

<sup>1</sup> Difference between UCR and “By Beat” total results reporting delays and other factors. <sup>2</sup> Only larceny over \$500 is counted by police beat; UCR includes all thefts.